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A dark silhouette of a person crouching in the center of the frame. To the left of the person, there are six white, stylized 's' characters arranged in a slightly curved line, suggesting a sound effect like a hiss or a series of small impacts. The background is a dark, gradient sky with a lighter horizon line at the bottom.

WHAT?!
WHERE DID
SHE GO?!



HUH?
I THINK SHE
WENT UP

A comic panel with a dark, textured background. The top portion of the panel is a horizontal band of brown and tan colors. The rest of the panel is a dark, almost black, textured area with some faint, lighter-colored lines and shapes, possibly representing a cave or a dark interior. Three speech bubbles are present: one in the top right, one on the left, and one at the bottom left.


THERE...

WHAT?

THERE'S
NOTHING
THERE!



WHERE
DID SHE
GO?




WAIT, DO
YOU REALLY
THINK SHE
DID IT?

SHE'S JUST
RUNNING AROUND
BY HERSELF.



THE
DIVINE BEAST
WAS GONE.

WHAT?!



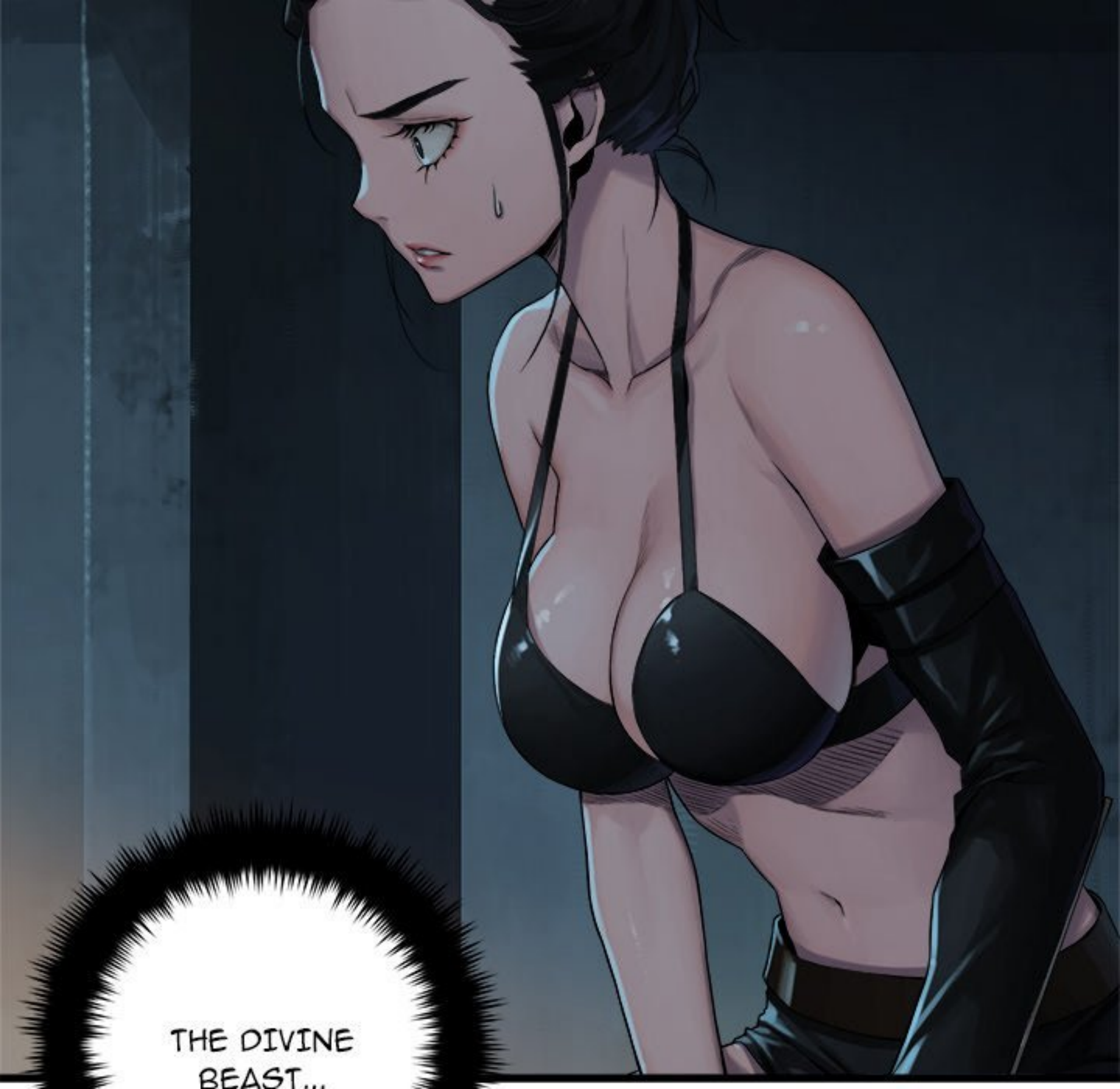
ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS? SHE'S
THE THIEF.

SHE HAS TO
HAVE HIDDEN
THE BEAST
SOMEWHERE!



SHE
TOOK IT!



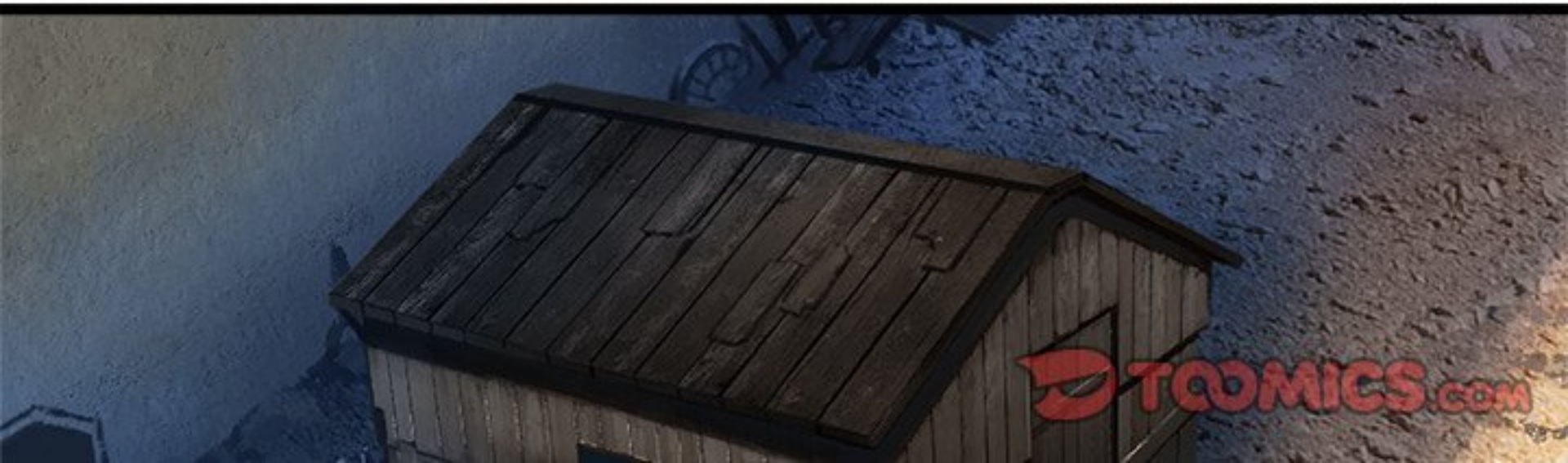


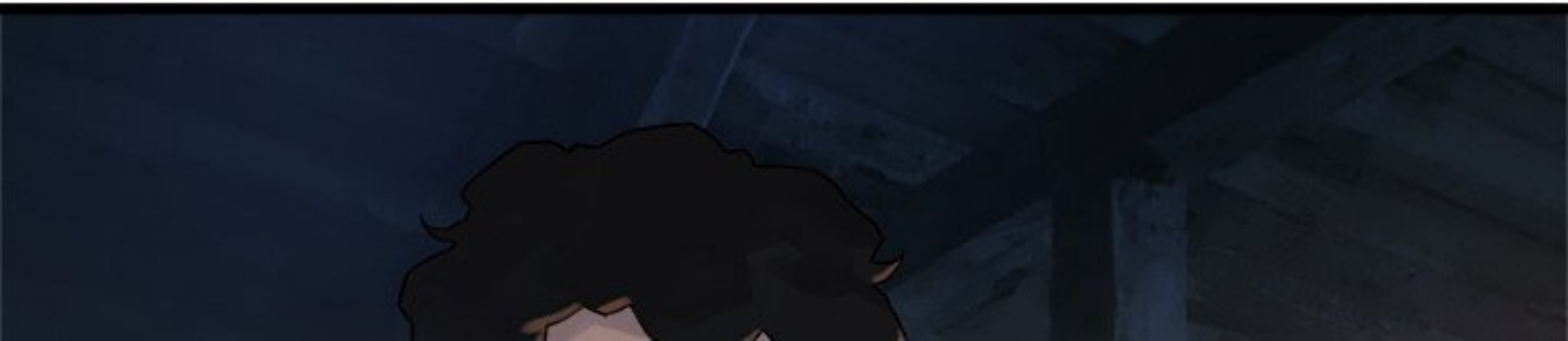
THE DIVINE
BEAST...

LET IT GO

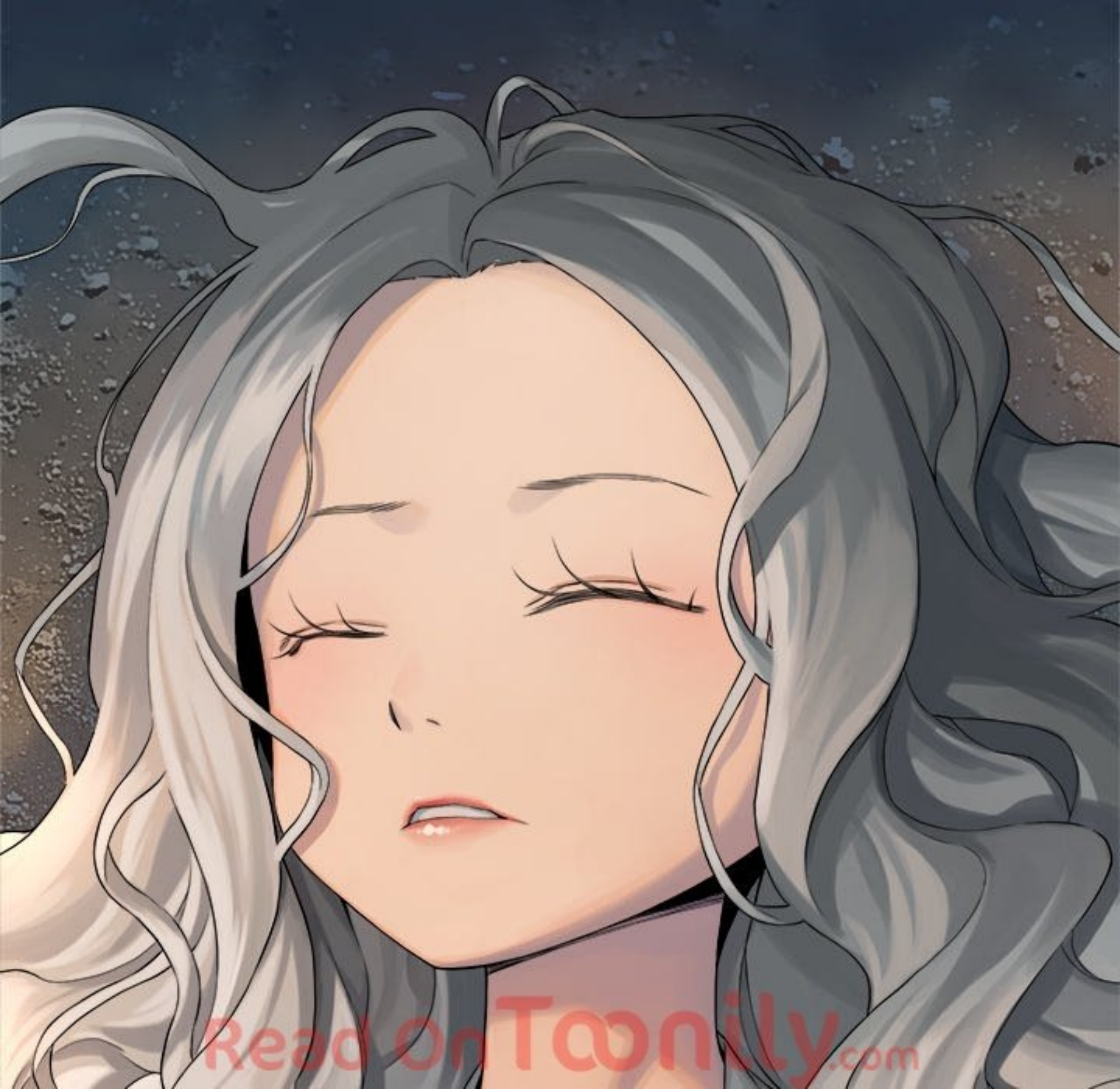
IS GONE?













HER SUMMON

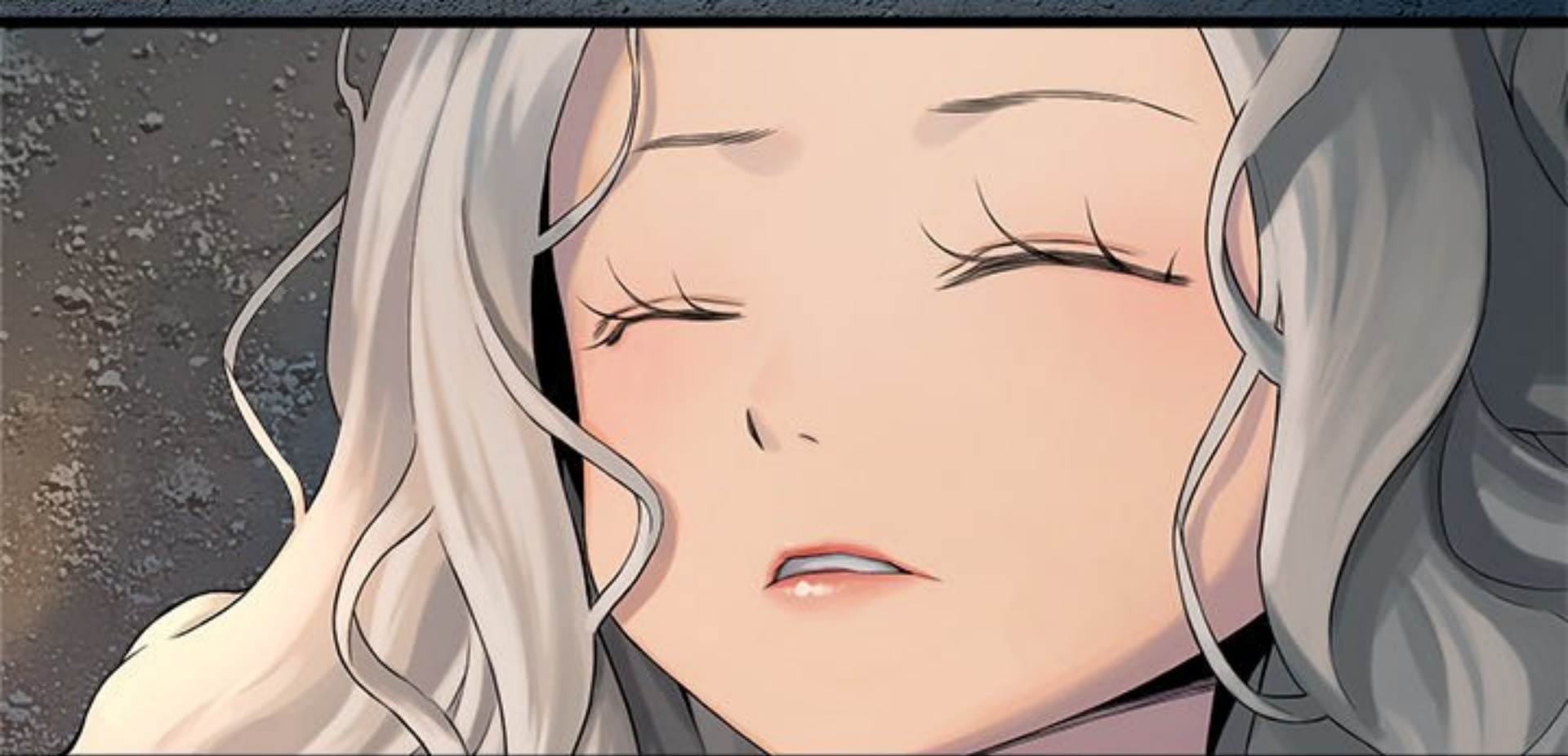


I THOUGHT IT
WAS A GHOST...



I-IT WAS
A PERSON...?





WOAH...

ARGH! WHAT
A PAIN!!

FLINCH

THUD



LET'S TAKE
A BREAK.





HEY, WE
DON'T HAVE
THE TIME FOR
THAT!

THE CHIEF
PRIEST WANTS
US TO FIND HER
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE!

BUT...
IT'S A LITTLE
STRANGE,
ISN'T IT?

PEEK



IT'S JUST
A SINGLE
MISSING
PRIESTESS.

AREN'T
PRIESTESSES,
WHO LEAVE THE
SHRINE WITHOUT
PERMISSION,
FORBIDDEN FROM

FORBIDDEN FROM
COMING BACK?



WELL...
I HEAR SHE'S
NOT ACTUALLY
A PRIESTESS...

AND APPARENTLY
A THIEF KIDNAPPED
HER OR SOMETHING.



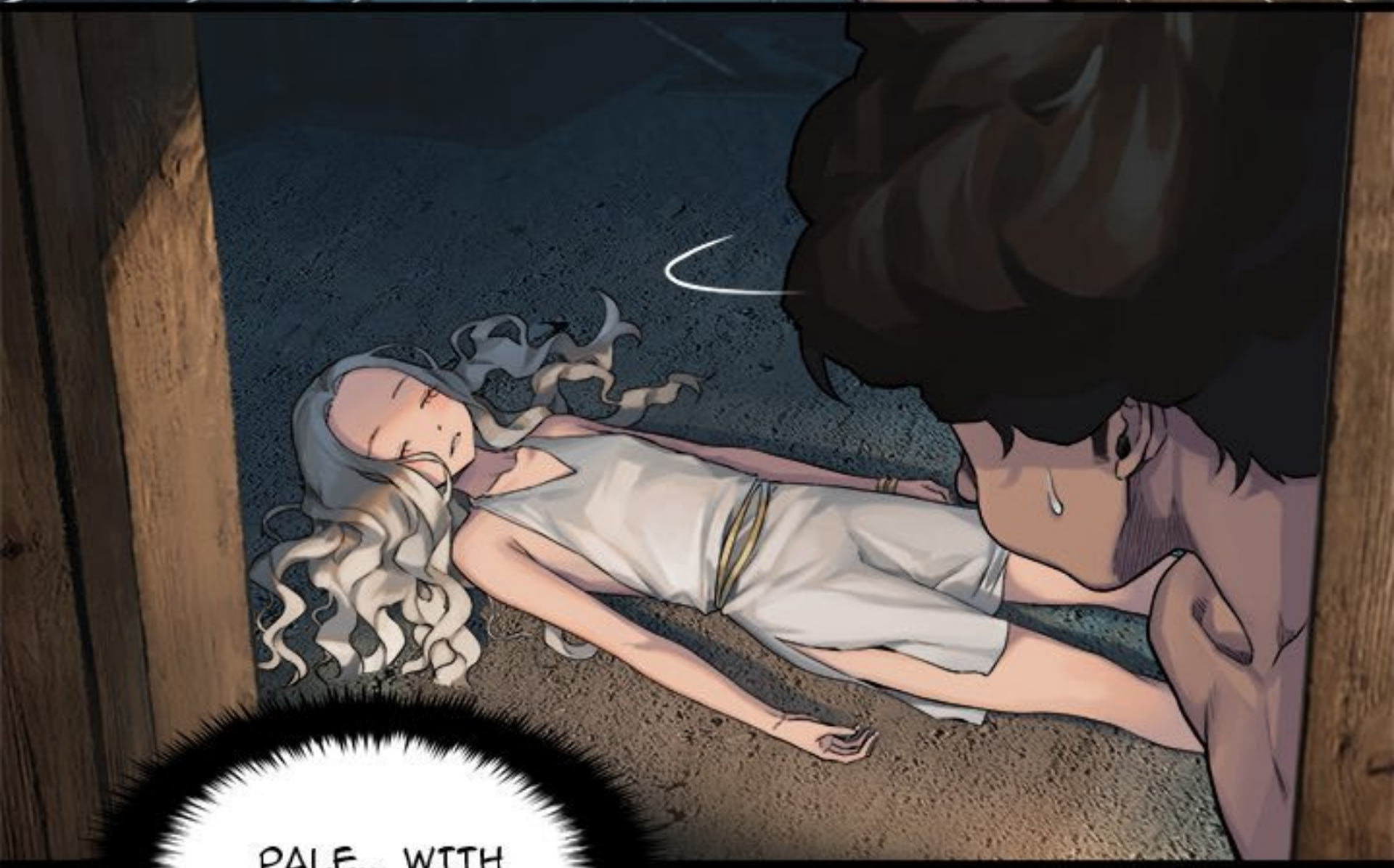
WHAT? A
THIEF WENT
ALL THE WAY
TO THE TOP
FLOOR JUST
TO KIDNAP A
PRIESTESS?

BUT SHE'S
JUST A KID.
A PALE KID
WITH SILVER
HAIR...





ERK!



PALE... WITH
SILVER HAIR...



I DON'T
KNOW I GUESS

KNOW, BUT SHE'S SPECIAL.

THEY'RE
DESPERATE TO
GET HER AND
THE THIEF
BACK.



ARGH, WHAT
A PAIN...

WHEN I GET
MY HANDS ON
THAT THIEF...

I BET HE'LL
GET A HUGE
PUNISHMENT.

AS WELL
HE SHOULD!





CREAK

LAU, I'M
BACK.

THE PRAYER
FESTIVAL'S OVER,
SO LET'S...

LAU?



YOU DARE
KIDNAP THE
PRIESTESS?!

I HOPE
YOU'RE READY
TO PAY THE
PRICE!!

N-NO!!

IT WASN'T
ME!!



THUNK

THAT'S WHAT
A GUILTY PERSON
WOULD SAY!



NOOO!!

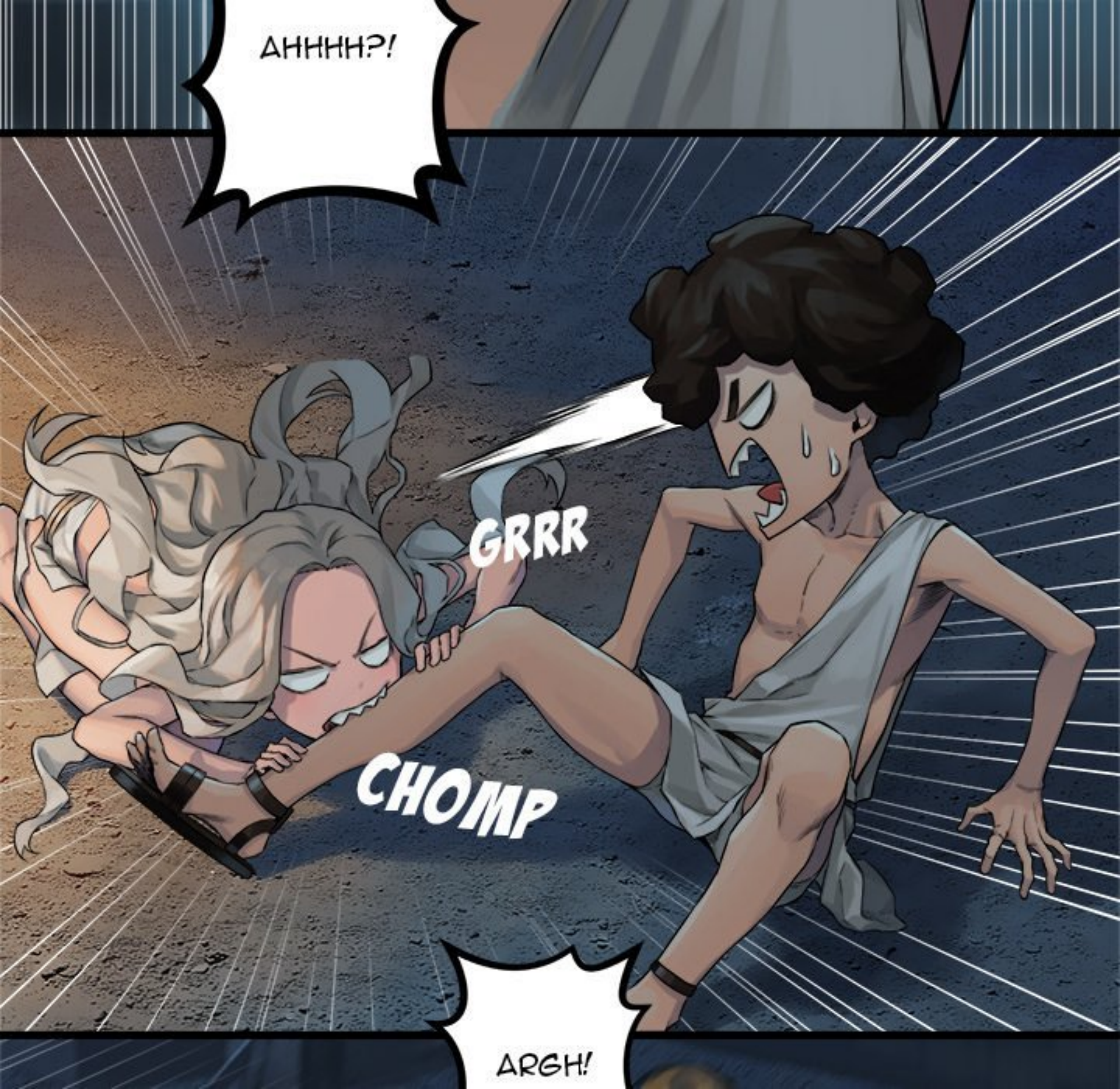
UWAAAAH!!

ΔΗΗΗΗΗ?!

GRRR

CHOMP

ARGH!



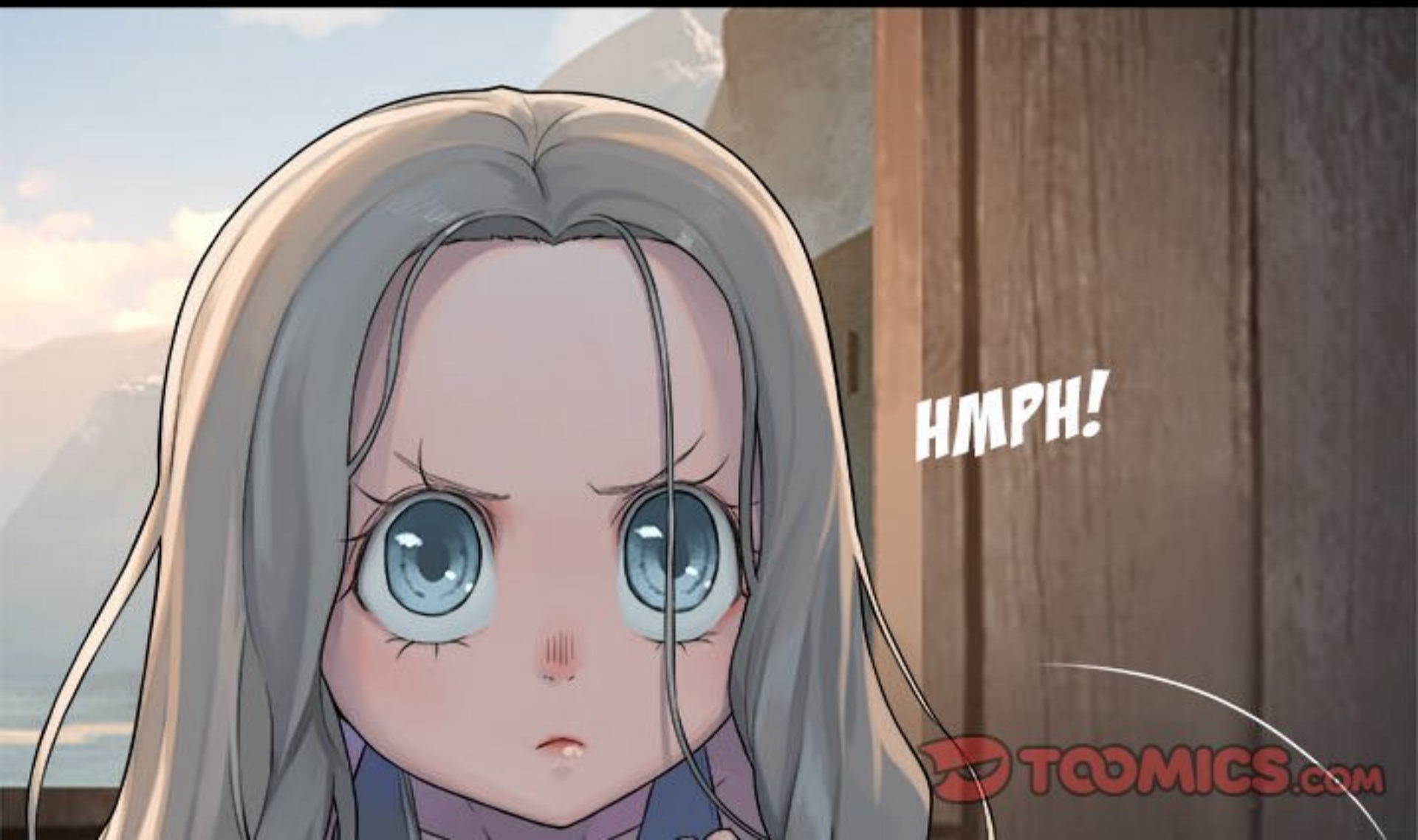


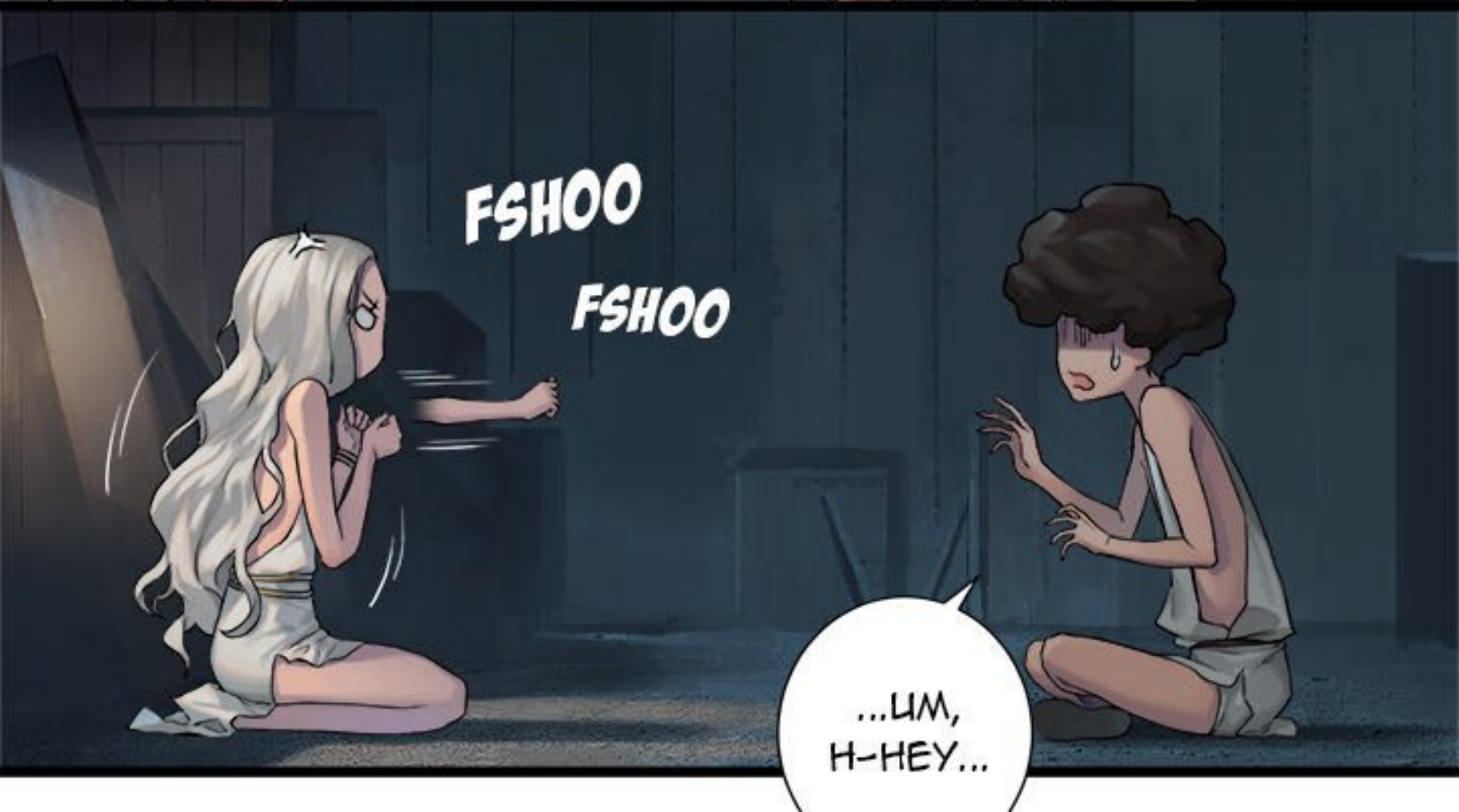
TUMBLE



ERK...







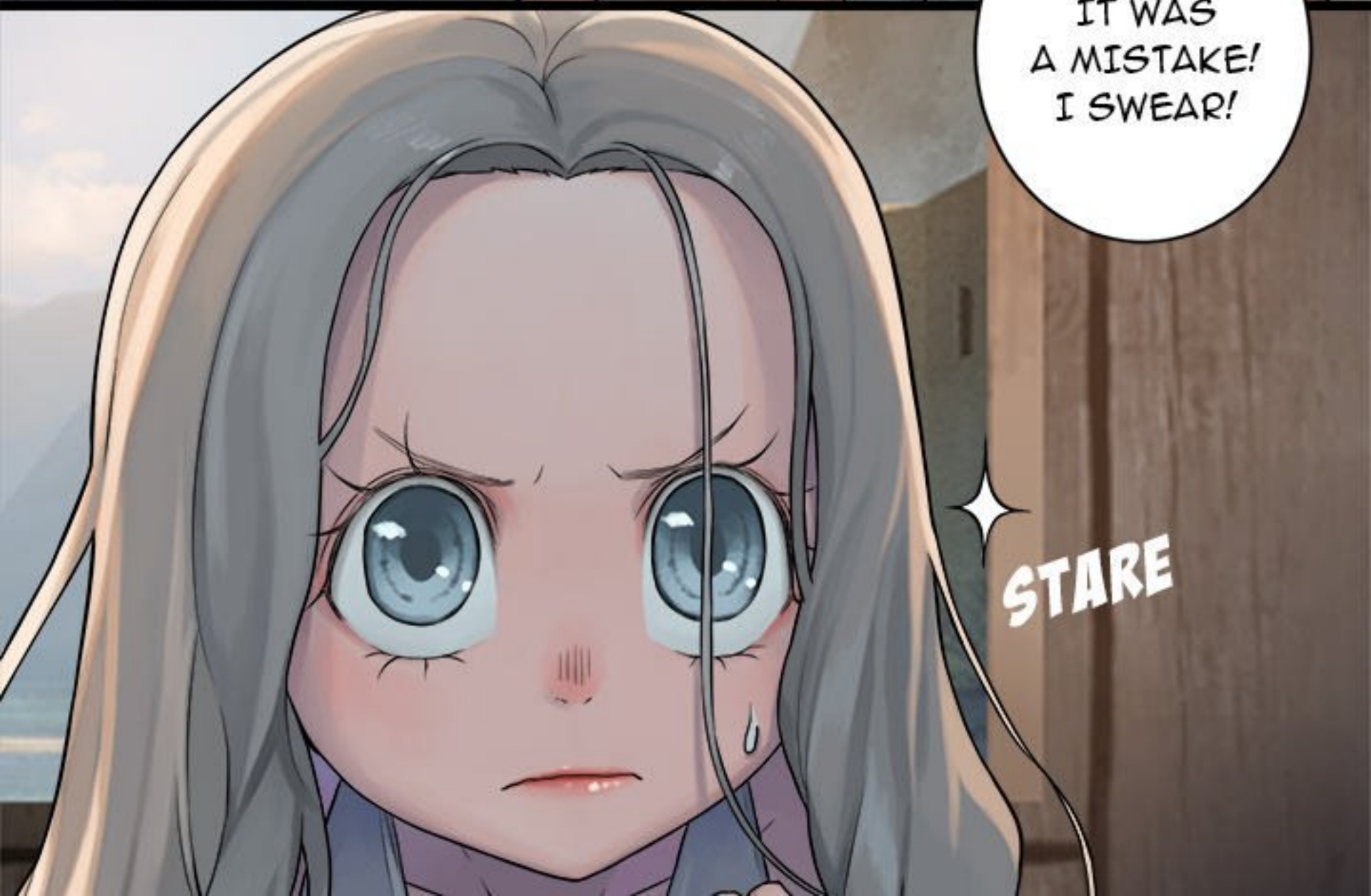
I'M SORRY
ABOUT
BEFORE!

I WAS
SCARED BECAUSE
I WAS ALONE...

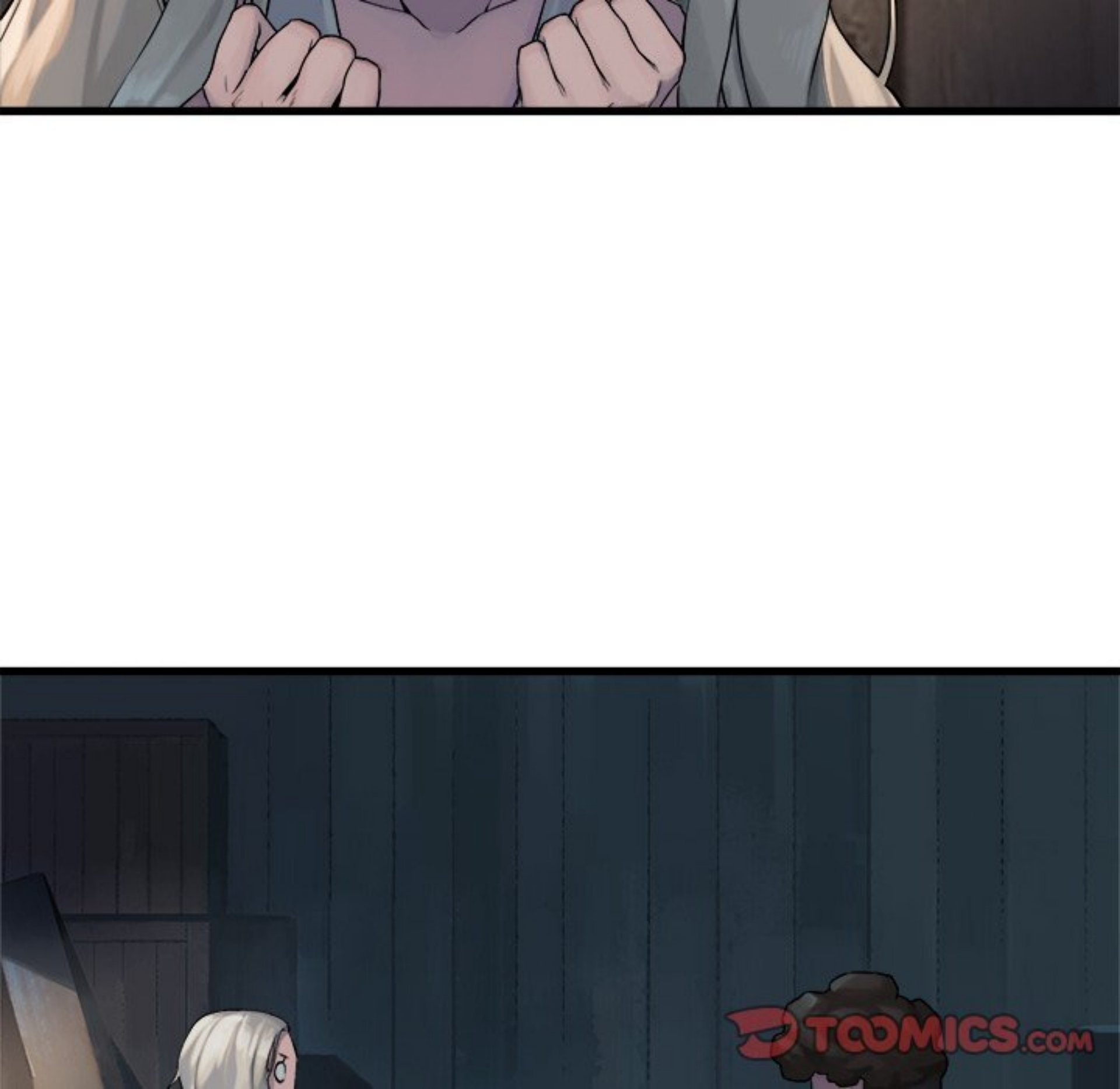


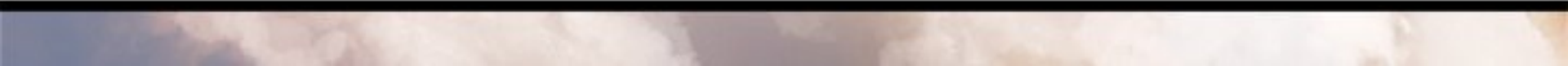


IT WAS
A MISTAKE!
I SWEAR!




STARE









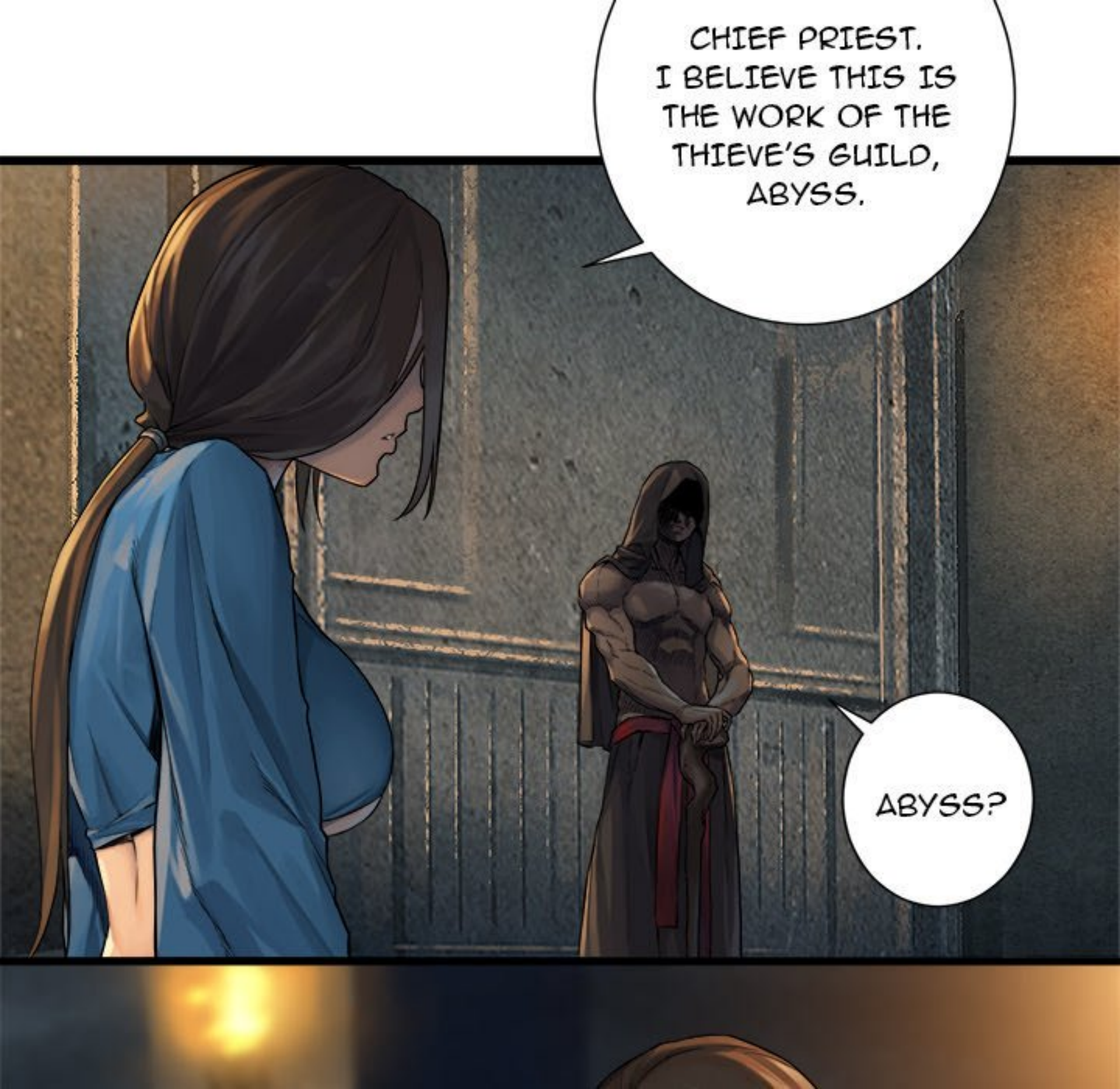
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?!

IS IT SO
HARD TO
CATCH A
SINGLE RAT?!

CH-CHIEF
PRIEST...

WHENEVER SHE
GOES SOMEWHERE
DARK, SHE SEEMS
TO DISAPPEAR...



A woman with long brown hair tied in a ponytail, wearing a blue robe, is shown in profile, looking towards a hooded figure. The hooded figure is muscular, wearing a dark robe with a red sash, and stands with arms crossed. The background is a dark, textured wall.

CHIEF PRIEST.
I BELIEVE THIS IS
THE WORK OF THE
THIEVE'S GUILD,
ABYSS.

ABYSS?

YES.

THEY
SERVE THE LORD
OF DARKNESS
GARDON, AND USE
HIS GULUL NADOL
AS WEAPONS.



WE MUST NOT
UNDERESTIMATE
THEM.

VERY WELL.

SEND THE

REST OF OUR
FORCES TO THE
UPPER FLOORS
TO FIND HER!
NOW!

Y-YES!

DASH

CHIEF
PRIEST...?






LISTEN
CLOSELY.

WE DON'T
HAVE LONG UNTIL
THE PRAYER FESTIVAL
STARTS.



WE MUST
NOT LET NEWS OF
THE DIVINE BEAST'S
DISAPPEARANCE
SPREAD OUTSIDE.

A full-page comic book illustration of a muscular man with a stern expression. He has long, dark hair and is wearing a dark brown hooded cloak over a red garment. His chest and abdominal muscles are highly defined. He stands with his hands clasped in front of him, holding a dark, rounded object. The background is a grey, textured wall with vertical lines. Two speech bubbles are present: one in the bottom left and one in the top right.

IF WE'RE
GOING TO RESOLVE
THIS BEFORE THE
PRAYER FESTIVAL...





I'M GOING TO
NEED YOU TWO
TO STEP IN.



SO?
ANYTHING?!

NOTHING!

LET'S GO
SOMEWHERE
ELSE!

TELL THEM
TO BRING MORE
TORCHES!


SHE CAN
HIDE WHEREVER
THERE'S A
SHADOW!

DAMN...
THERE'S EVEN
MORE GUARDS



NOW...

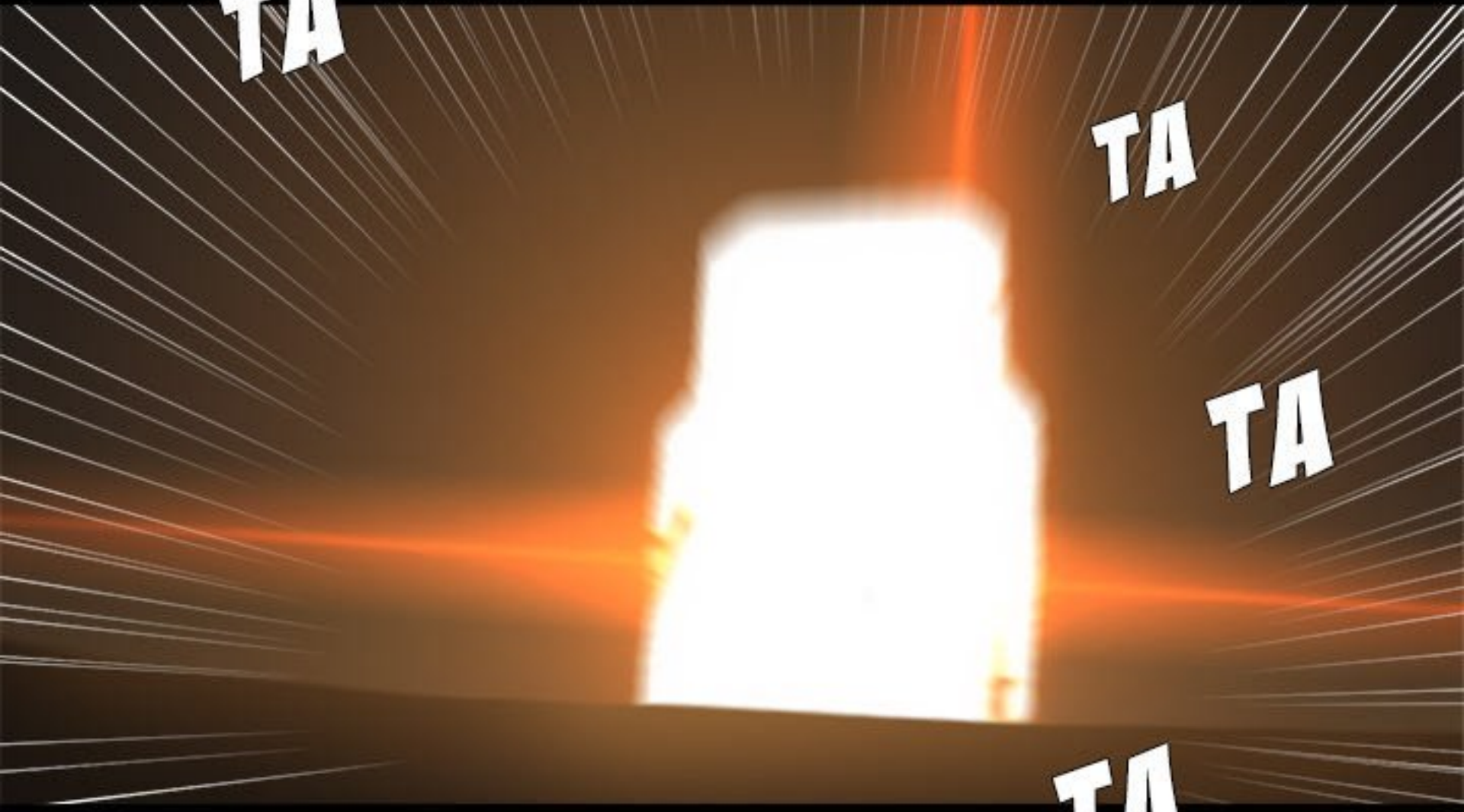
...WAIT.

A close-up of a character's face, showing their mouth and chin. The character has red lips and is looking slightly to the side. The background is dark and blurry.

DOES
THAT MEAN...

A dynamic action scene featuring a character in a dark suit with orange trim. The character is in a crouched position, and the background is filled with numerous white speed lines radiating from the center, creating a sense of high speed or impact.

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LEAP

LEAP



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WOOOOSH



THUD

A dynamic comic book panel showing a character's legs and feet skidding across a wooden floor. The floor is rendered with many vertical motion lines to convey speed. The character is wearing dark pants and shoes. A large, stylized sound effect is written in the upper left corner.

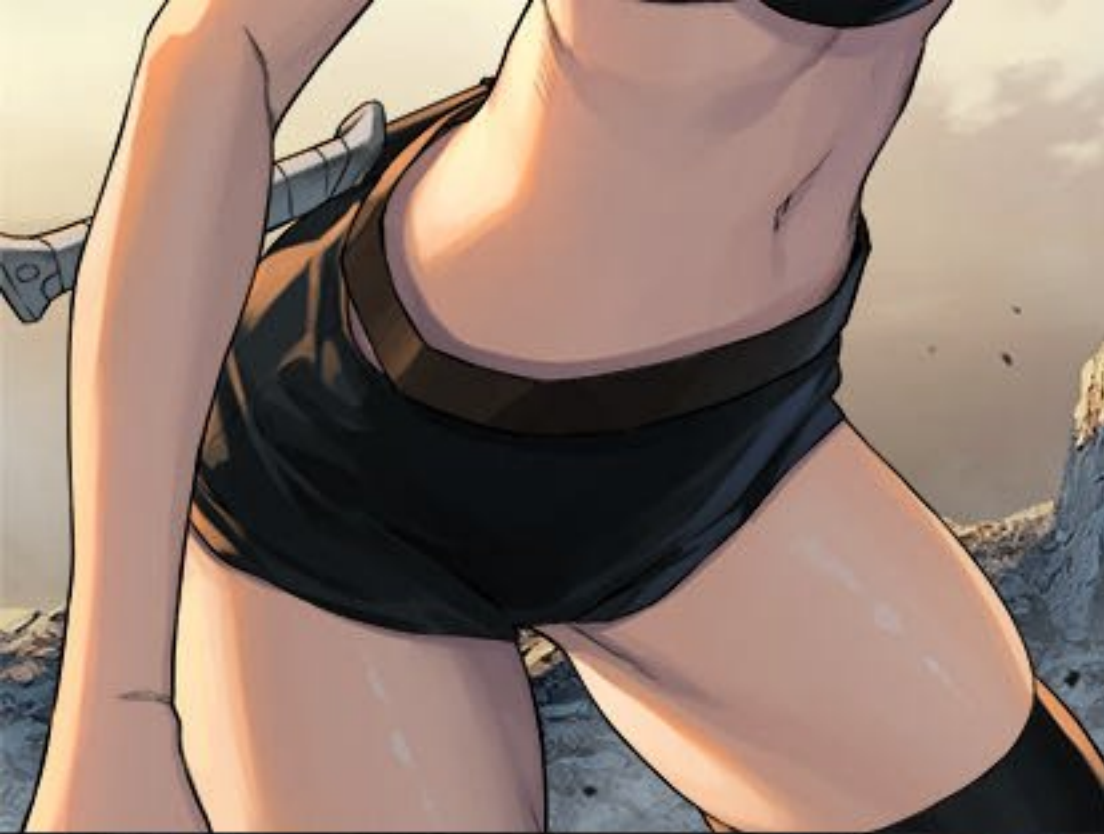
SKIDDDDD

DID YOU
THINK THIEVES
DON'T KNOW
HOW TO USE

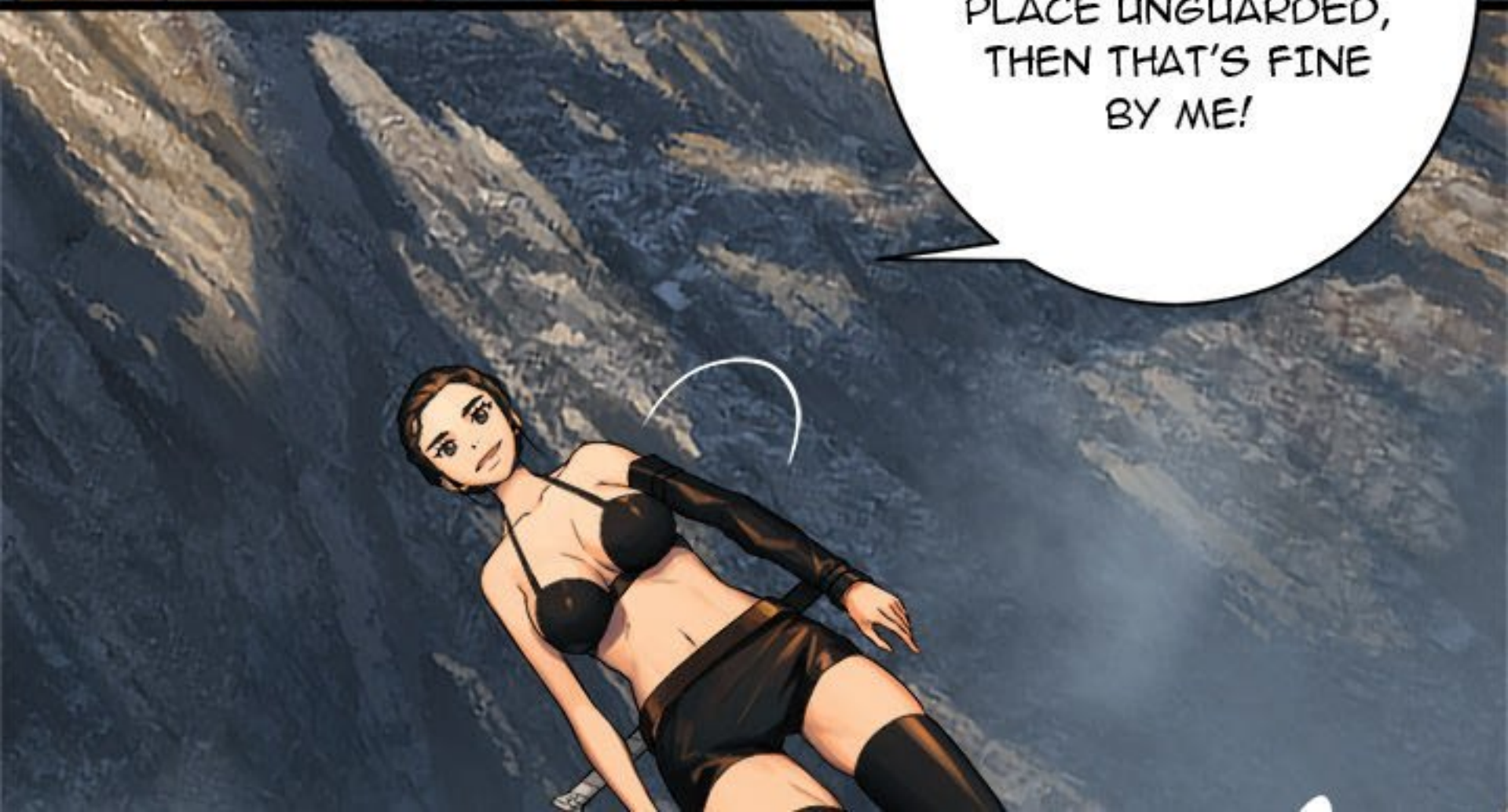
HOW TO USE
THE MAIN
ENTRANCE?

FOOLS!





IF YOU'RE
GONNA JUST
LEAVE THIS WHOLE
PLACE UNGUARDED,
THEN THAT'S FINE
BY ME!





AH, HOLD
ON. I'M STILL
IN TROUBLE...



THERE'S ONLY
A FEW DAYS UNTIL
I HAVE TO MAKE
THE EXCHANGE.

THEY'LL
BE INCREASING
THE SECURITY
FROM NOW ON.

IF I CAN'T
FIND THE OTVINE


FIND THE DIVINE
BEAST THIS
TIME...





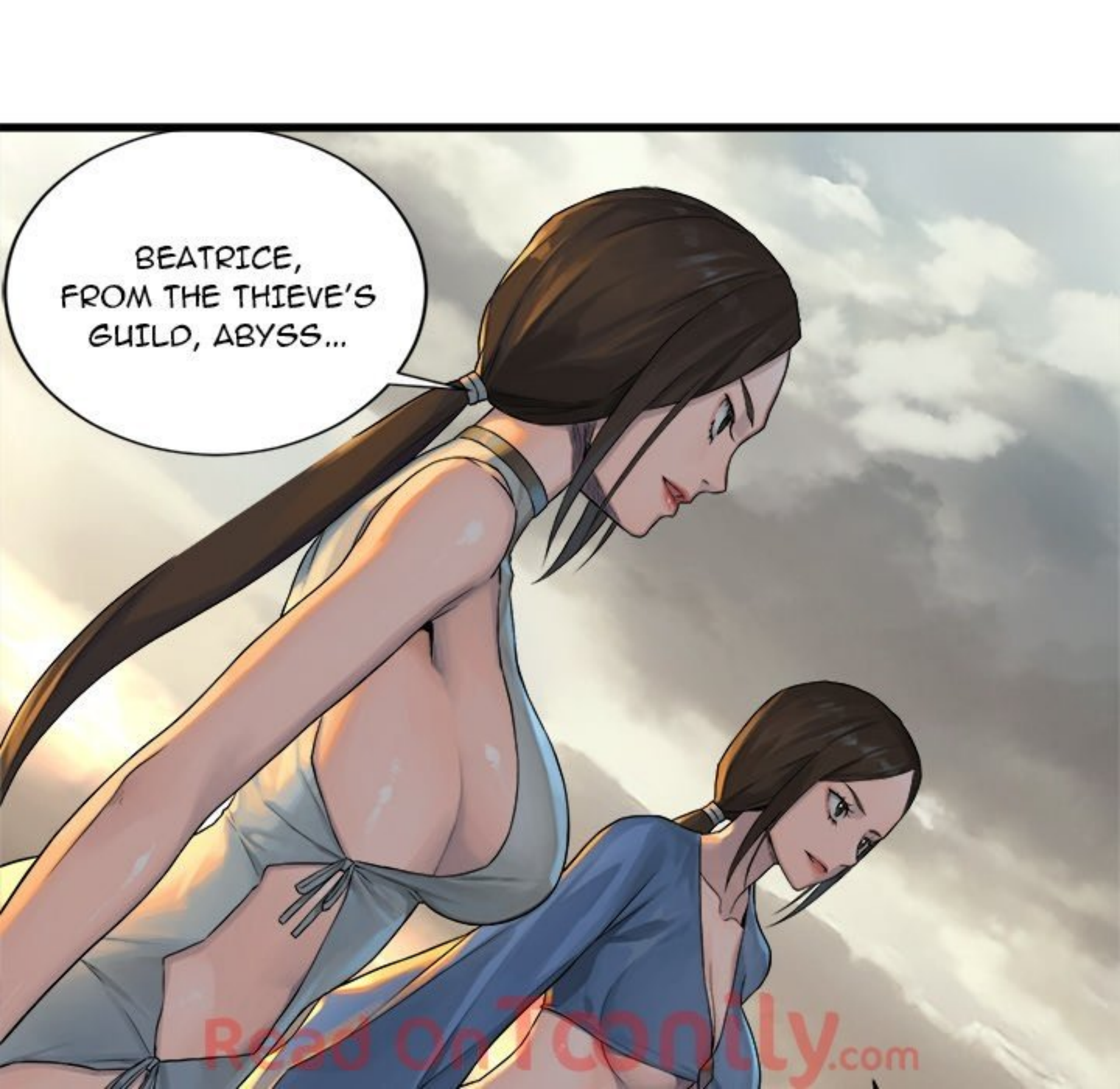
STEP






SO YOU'RE
NOT COMPLETELY
STUPID, AFTER
ALL.






BEATRICE,
FROM THE THIEVE'S
GUILD, ABYSS...



WHERE
DID YOU HIDE
THE DIVINE
BEAST?


WHO
KNOWS?




YOU'RE PRETTY
KNOWLEDGEABLE
FOR SOMEONE WHO'S
BEEN SPENDING THEIR
TIME IN THE SHRINE
DOING NOTHING.

WHY DON'T
YOU FIND OUT
FOR YOURSELF.


HOW
CRUDE...

A character in a dark, form-fitting outfit stands on a rocky, desolate landscape under a dark sky.


I KNOW
YOUR THIEVE'S
GUILD NEEDS
MONEY...

A close-up of a woman with dark hair and blue eyes, looking down with a determined expression. A small starburst effect is visible near her mouth.


TO RECOVER
FROM THE PRICE
YOU PAID FOR
BETRAYING THE
LORD OF THE
WALL.



BUT TO
THINK YOU'D GO
SO FAR AS TO
RUIN THE NORTH
ANOTHER TIME
JUST TO...

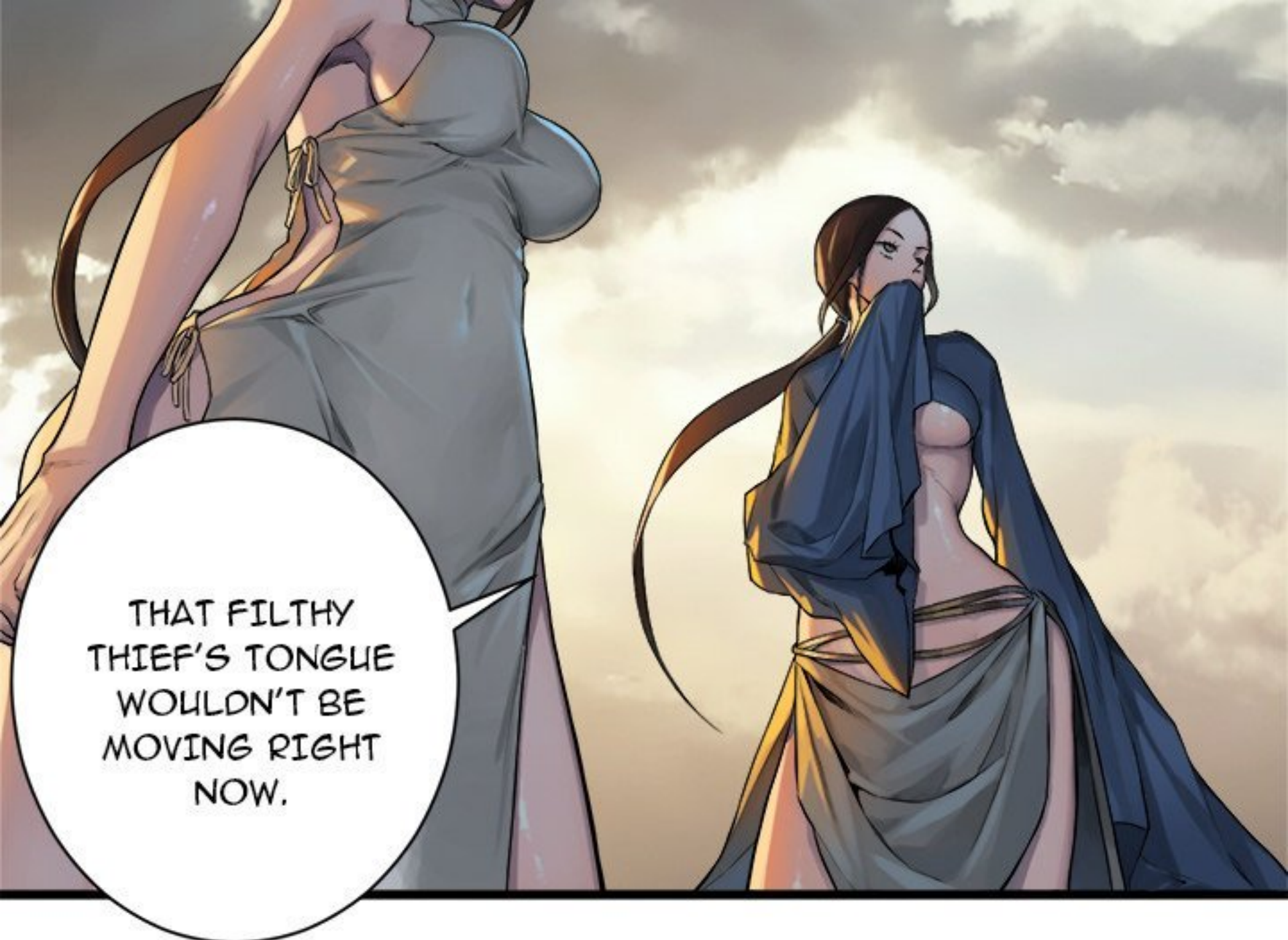


WE DIDN'T
DO THAT!

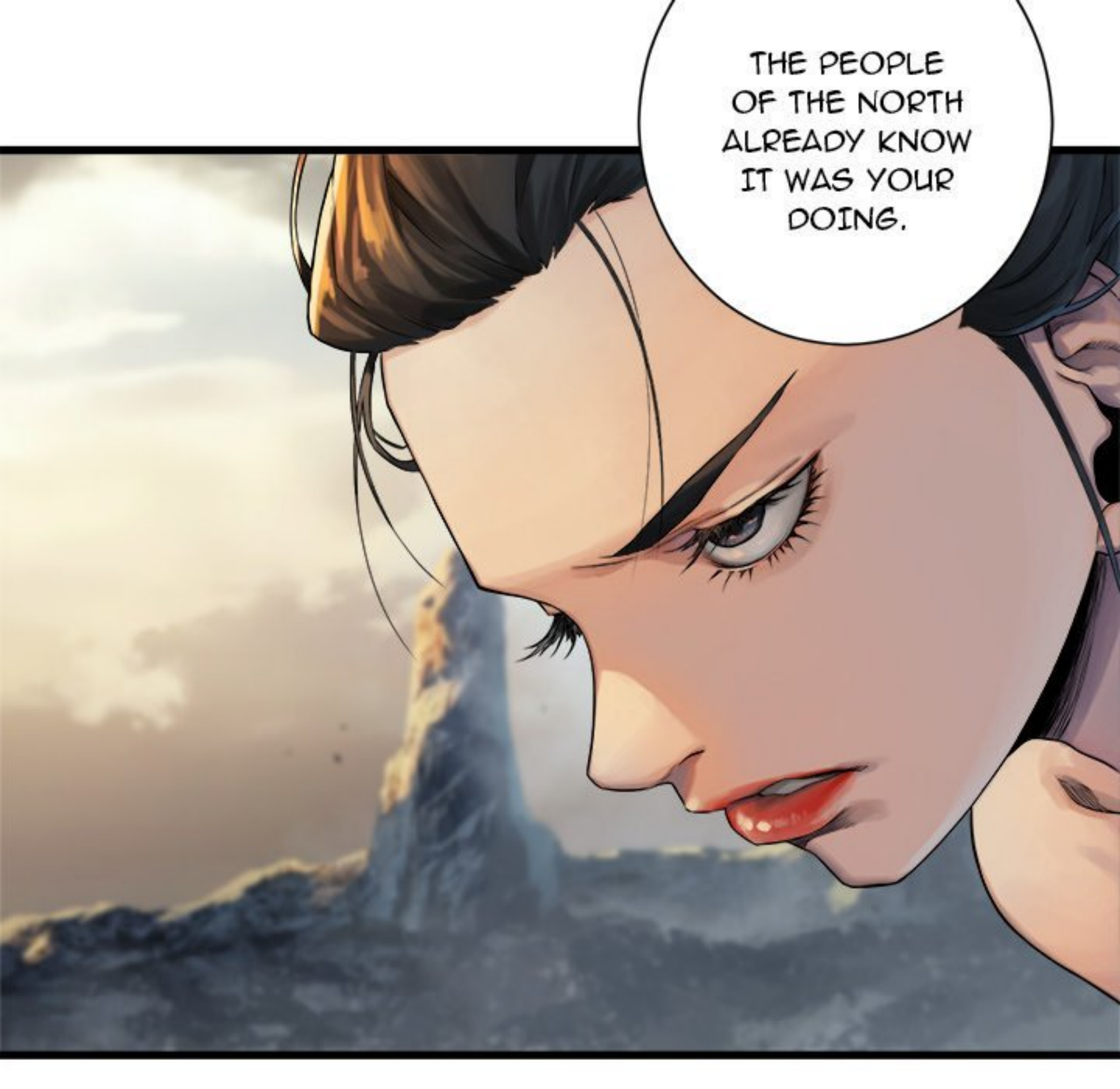


IF THE KINGS
OF THE CONTINENT
DIDN'T BELIEVE
THAT KALTOVIA
FELL INTO
DEPRIVITY...





THAT FILTHY
THIEF'S TONGUE
WOULDN'T BE
MOVING RIGHT
NOW.



THE PEOPLE
OF THE NORTH
ALREADY KNOW
IT WAS YOUR
DOING.

HIER SUMMON